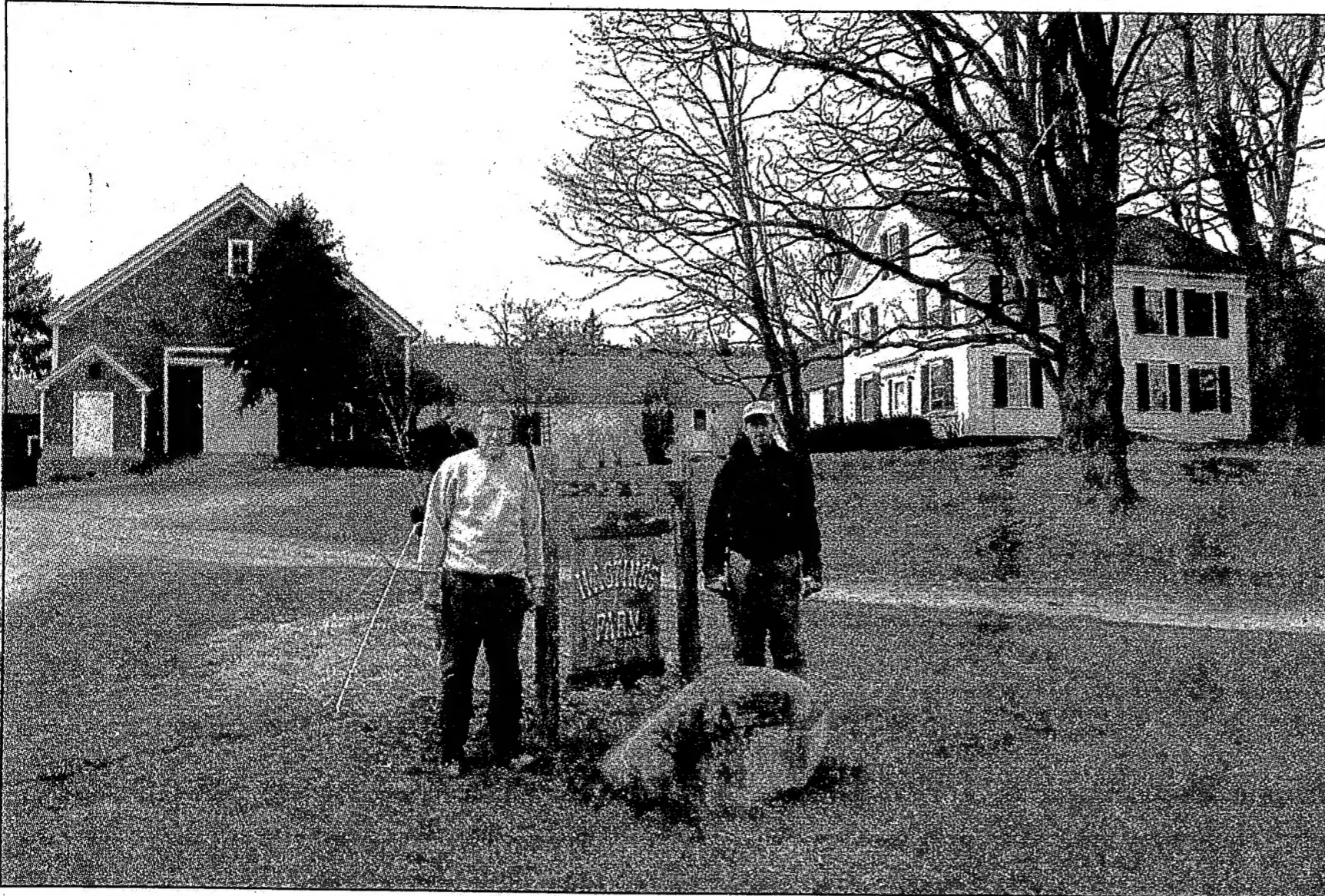


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Hastings Farm: "At the Center of Things"



Sonny and Jay Hastings are the sixth and seventh generation of their family to work the Hastings Farm in East Bethel. The story of the dairy farm and the family who work it is the subject of a one-hour episode of "Our Stories," a production of Maine Public Television, which will preview Saturday at 7 p.m. in Gould Academy's Bingham Hall. The episode is scheduled to be televised on MPT at 8 p.m. on May 13. Saturday's preview at Gould will also include three other episodes from the series: "The Cranberry Report" (Islesford) at 2

p.m., "The Harvest of Hope" (Fort Kent) at 3:10, and "Healing Woods" (Indian Township) at 8:10. All the screenings are free and open to the public. The lower part of the house shown here behind Sonny and Jay is thought to date from the middle eighteenth century, which would make it one of the earliest buildings in Bethel. The small plaque on the rock in the foreground commemorates the fact that here, on Feb. 29, 1776, "absolutely nothing happened."

(Photo by Michael Daniels)

Some funds for treatment-plant upgrade released

But still facing \$200,000 shortfall, selectmen call for Town Meeting

By MICHAEL DANIELS

It was a week of mixed results for Bethel officials in their attempt to lock up the funding package for the town's wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

The bad news: A meeting last Wednesday in Augusta failed to resolve the problem caused by Bethel Station's poor job-creation record -- the state Department of Economic and Community Development is still refusing to release \$200,000 in federal grant money the town planned to put toward the

\$2,356,170 total cost of the upgrade.

The good news: On Monday the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce agreed to release nearly \$2 million that will go toward the upgrade and to pay for other, already completed, infrastructure work associated with the Bethel Station project.

The bottom line: The town will be able to pay some overdue bills but

See FUNDING, page 5

Five jump in for selectman

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A flurry of last-minute filings has put five names on the ballot for Bethel selectman.

As of last Wednesday no candidates had filed, and only one potential candidate had even taken out papers.

But by Friday's 5 p.m. deadline five sets of papers were in, complete with the needed number of signatures.

Those submitting papers were, in alphabetical order: Al Barth, who currently represents the area in the Maine House of Representatives; Don G. Bennett, an independent logger; Robert Everett, co-owner of Bethel Auto Sales; Dave Nivus, co-owner of The Good Food Store; and Jonathan "Jeremy" Grimm, proprietor of The Java House.

On June 9 voters will select two of the above to fill three-year terms on the board. Neither of the two incumbents, Ruth Grover and John Thurston, is seeking reelection.

There were no filings, last-minute or otherwise, for the two open seats on the SAD44 School Board. Voters will need to write in their choices for these positions.

There's 'no proof' of global warming, but ...

By ALISON ALOISIO

The loggers got back into the woods earlier -- or, in some cases, never got out in the first place.

Contractors broke ground sooner than usual.

Gardeners had to hold themselves back from setting plants out in April.

And, of course, the down side to the early spring -- the skiers left sooner and the ticks and fleas came out earlier.

What a difference a year makes. Late last May, frustrated gardeners still had their young plants wrapped in winter woolies or kept in greenhouses, as temperatures refused to budge beyond the 30s to 50s range.

This year, green thumbs, along with everyone else, watched in amazement as March went out like

'I love it. We never actually got out of the woods'

LOGGER ROGER WHEELER

a lamb with heat stroke. The warm temperatures continued into April, melting the snow and drying out the ground.

Loggers, who generally can't operate in the woods for much of mud season, only had to leave for a short time -- or not at all.

"I love it," said logger Roger Wheeler of Bethel. "We never actually got out of the woods."

Contrast that with last year, when Wheeler left the third week in March and didn't return until the third week in May.

In addition to the early warm temperatures, said Wheeler, mini-

mal frost in the ground over the winter also helped speed up the drying process.

Spring was even early in Andover. It gave the Water District's contractor a quick start on the new pump house planned as part of AWD's water system project.

"We had hoped for a May 1 groundbreaking," said trustee Anne Glazier, "but they were able to start last Thursday (April 23)."

And on a personal level, said Glazier, she and her husband were able to get their seven sheep outside earlier this season -- to graze on the early crop of green grass.

Farther south, the ice went out of Lake Christopher April 13. Usually, ice-out happens "sometime in the 20s," reports lake resident Nancy Willard. The record for ice going out of the lake is April 10.

On Songo Pond, several docks went into the water in April.

• **Trying to keep up**

Carol Welsh of Locke Mills runs "Lawnscape," a yard work and lawn mowing business. "Last year," she said, "I came back from Colorado on April 12 and sat on my hands for two weeks, waiting for the snow to melt. This year, I was going to come back the 16th. But I changed plans and came on the 10th -- and I was already two weeks behind."

See WARM WEATHER, page 4

Rebel baseball squad will be a crowd pleaser

It could be Coach Rem's finale

By ALISON ALOISIO

Telstar High School baseball coach Bob Remington won't guarantee how well his team will do this season. He also won't guarantee he will return next year as the coach.

But despite those uncertainties, he will make one guarantee -- this year's squad will be fun to watch.

The team lost three pitchers, as well as several other players, to graduation last year. So some of the squad's skills are still an unknown.

But early in the season, hitting appears to be particularly strong.

"They might hit better than last year's team," said Remington. "All the way down the lineup, there's going to be good hitters in every position."

In fact, he said, all the players on the team are capable of being starters on any given day. With that depth, Remington said, they're not going to be an easy team to beat.

Last season, Telstar went to the Western Class C Championship game, where they lost to St. Dom's.

See BASEBALL, page 11

And the sun is also shining on local fundraising and charitable groups



March of Dimes Stroll-a-Thon Justin Stearns. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

By ALISON ALOISIO

The generosity of area residents has put two popular area causes -- the March of Dimes and the Whitman Memorial Library addition project -- very close to their respective fundraising goals of \$10,000 and \$20,000.

And a third group, the Oxford County Fund, is just getting off the ground -- and hoping for similar success.

The second annual March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon, held Sunday, brought in \$9,300, just shy of its \$10,000 goal.

One hundred adults and 55 children and teens walked the five-mile route through Bethel village.

That's a few less than last year's 186 walkers, who raised \$9,500 and

far exceeded the initial year's goal of \$5,000. But Bethel chairwoman Bonnie Largess said she is still pleased with the 1998 results.

Area organizers, she said, had anticipated the winter's ice storm expenses might have left contributors a little short on funds this spring. "We were holding our breath," she said, regarding the final tally.

The \$10,000 goal may yet be reached, as late donations come in and plans for a bingo fundraiser go forward.

As was the case last year, the Bethel walk-a-thon raised an impressive amount of money considering the community's size. The larger Augusta and Oxford Hills areas raised \$12,000 and \$16,000,

respectively, on Sunday.

Teams of walkers figured prominently in the successful Bethel effort, Largess said. A team representing Crescent Park Elementary School -- which included a local Boy Scout troop -- raised just over \$1,000.

Other team efforts came from P.H. Chadbourne, Bethel Furniture Stock, Preb's and the Andover Elementary School.

Matching the Kings

Fundraisers for the Whitman Memorial Library addition project are also getting close to their goal of \$20,000. If they raise that amount by July, the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation will match it with another \$20,000 contribution.

The Kings earlier donated \$40,000 outright to the fund.

The addition to the 80-year-old library will double its size.

As of Monday, the Woodstock organizers had raised just over \$17,000. The money has come from many events, including a quilt raffle, ballroom dancing lessons, parties, a dinner dance, a breakfast, a penny drive by Woodstock Elementary School students, and outright donations resulting from a mailing.

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Briefly

Seames reappointed as chief

WOODSTOCK--Bill Seames was reappointed to a one-year term as Woodstock Fire Chief Tuesday, following a half-hour long airing of communication issues between the department and Town Manager Vern Maxfield. Selectman Elton Cole told Seames before voting for reappointment that he wanted assurance that the chief and town manager could work together effectively. Following explanations and discussion among Seames, Maxfield and the board regarding topics including billing of department expenses and Seames' dual role as chief and Woodstock citizen, the board voted unanimously to approve the reappointment. Selectmen said that issues involving the Highway Department have also been under discussion recently, with individual employees of the department. The selectmen encouraged Seames and four volunteer firefighters who accompanied him to Tuesday's meeting to come in promptly and air any future issues, rather than let them "simmer," in Cole's words.

Swimming lessons returning?

WOODSTOCK--Town Manager Vern Maxfield said Tuesday he is optimistic the town will be able to offer swimming lessons this year at the Maine Conservation School on Lake Christopher. "It's looking really good for the last week in July and the first week in August. I'm really pleased about this," Maxfield told selectmen. Some insurance issues remain to be settled, he said, but he sees no problem with them. If the lessons go off as planned, Greenwood children would also probably be invited to participate. Lessons for the two towns had previously been offered at the Greenwood town beach, but were discontinued by Greenwood last year because of cost and a drop in participation by Greenwood children.

Parking restriction proposed

WOODSTOCK--Town Manager Vern Maxfield will check with the town's Recreation Committee regarding a suggestion from George Hooper to allow parking on only one side of Lakeside Drive during ball games at the town field. Maxfield said cars currently park on both sides of the road, and could possibly block emergency vehicles from getting by.

Car windows broken

LOCKE MILLS--Four cars parked outside the Greenwood Town Hall were vandalized Saturday night, according to Oxford County Sheriff's Deputy Dane Tripp. The cars' owners, who attended a dance at the hall, parked the vehicles at about 8 p.m. When they returned around 11 p.m., the side windows had been smashed. A flashlight and a small amount of change were taken from two of the vehicles. Some juveniles were seen in the area at about 10:30 p.m., Tripp said, and the Sheriff's Department is investigating.

Old safe still holds its secrets

BETHEL--An 1800s-vintage safe found last week during excavation for the addition to the Bethel Inn yielded only empty shelves when its top chamber was opened by locksmiths. But getting into the strong box portion will take more effort. The safe is currently in the care of Jack Cross, a contractor for the addition project. It was apparently buried on the site after the Bethel House -- an inn previously on the site of the Bethel Inn -- burned in 1910.

Hanover officials tour chip mill

HANOVER--Two Hanover selectmen, two Planning Board members and the town's code enforcement officer last week toured a Fulghum Fibres wood chipping mill in Dewy Rose, Ga. The tour was arranged by Fulghum and the Mead Corporation of Rumford to try to put to rest townspeople's concerns about a similar chip plant proposed for Hanover. The Hanover mill would be twice the size of the Georgia plant. Fulghum president Thomas Fulghum reportedly assured the officials the Hanover mill would be built to local noise specifications -- and the company would accept penalties if the plant exceeded those levels. He plans to meet with selectmen and planners regarding an agreement. Several of the town officials said they had gathered a lot of information on the Georgia plant's operation to present to townspeople at a Town Meeting, expected to be scheduled in the near future.

Give blood Friday

BETHEL--An American Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the Telstar High School National Honor Society, will take place Friday, May 1, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Telstar auditorium. Walk-ins are welcome, or call 824-2136 for an appointment.

Spring cleaning items sought

BETHEL--A flea market is planned as part of this year's annual Crescent Park Elementary School Mayfair. Anyone with items to contribute, or who may wish to volunteer with the project, is asked to call Robin Mills at 824-3768.

Walk from Norway to Norway

NORWAY--On Saturday, May 9, Western Maine Health will kick off the Passport to Fitness walk program and National Hospital Week with a community "fun walk." And beginning on the 9th and continuing through July 31, participants in the program will keep a weekly log of the miles they have walked. Every two weeks, walkers will send in or drop off a log of their mileage at designated locations throughout the area. WMH will tabulate the total miles walked and post them on their web site at <http://www.wmhcc.com>. The program goal is to have all participants log a grand total 7,000 miles or the equivalent of walking from Norway, Maine to the country of Norway. An arrangement has also been worked out whereby 15 minutes of continuous aerobic exercise will count as one mile of walking. At the end of the program, prizes will be awarded based on individual mileage. For more information, call 207-743-5933 ext. 472.

Gay rights ordinance approved

BAR HARBOR--The town council of Bar Harbor last week voted to enact an ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. The vote was 6-1. The vote comes in the wake of a statewide vote in February that repealed the Maine Human Rights Act, which gave protection to homosexuals. The Bar Harbor ordinance takes effect May 21.

Heritage Park plans photo exhibit

BERLIN, N.H.--The Northern Forest Heritage Park is hosting a special exhibit of photographs and personal artifacts of noted White Mountain landscape photographer Guy Leslie Shorey (1881-1961). The exhibit will be on display at the Brown Company House Museum, 961 Maine Street, through June 1. Regular exhibit hours are Monday through Friday from 12 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Heritage park at 603-752-7202.

MDOT seeks lake protection projects

AUGUSTA--To help reduce pollution and other lake damage from adjacent highways, the Maine Department of Transportation has created a State Highway Lake Protection Program, and is looking for potential projects. The SHLPP has two purposes: to identify potential project locations where lake water quality is being adversely impacted by runoff from arterial and major collector highways, and second, to select and prioritize potential pollution elimination projects for funding under the program. There is currently \$200,000 available for the program. While there is no deadline for applications to be considered, they will be reviewed and selected in the order in which they are received. For more information contact Susan Breau at 207-287-3363 or e-mail at susan.breau@state.me.us.

From the Bethel Police log:

Prowler had four long legs

At 9:16 p.m. on April 28 a caller reported she had seen what she thought was a person running up her driveway. Police searched the dirt driveway only to find a set of fresh moose tracks. The officer told her it was probably the moose she had seen in the shadows, and the car was likely either lost or had seen the moose and wanted a better look.

Thursday, April 23

At 10:25 a.m. a worker cutting trees on Broad Street reported he had hit a parked car with a branch. The car was parked in a "no parking" zone, and the owner was nowhere to be found. The license plate was not on file. Police planned to file paperwork if the owner requested it.

Friday, April 24

At 10:25 p.m., while traveling north on Rte. 26, police observed a vehicle headed south at a high rate of speed -- 85 miles per hour on radar. The vehicle was stopped. The operator, Danny Harrington of Bethel, was issued a summons for exceeding the speed limit by 30 miles per hour or more.

Sunday, April 26

At 1:05 p.m., while on patrol, police observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Rte. 26. The speed was confirmed on radar at 73 miles per hour. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver, Casey Parker of Locke Mills, was given a summons for speeding 16 to 25 miles per hour over the limit.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log, but does not include all reports of police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies. An answering machine takes calls when an officer is not in the office.

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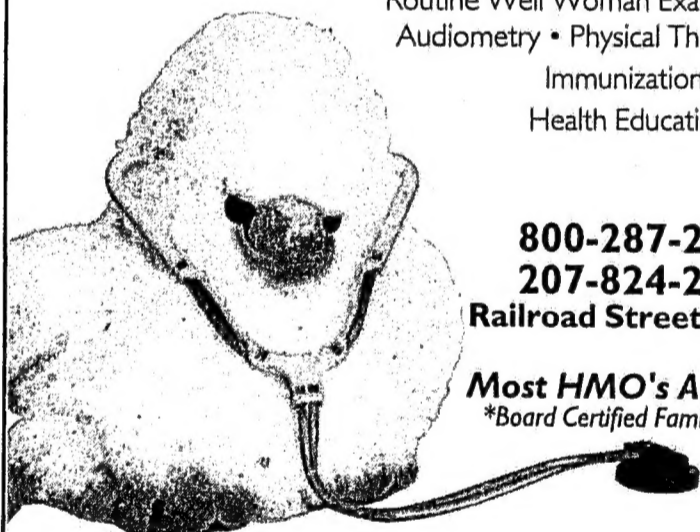
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2 p.m. - The Cranberry Report (Islesford)

3 p.m. - Harvest of Hope (Fort Kent)

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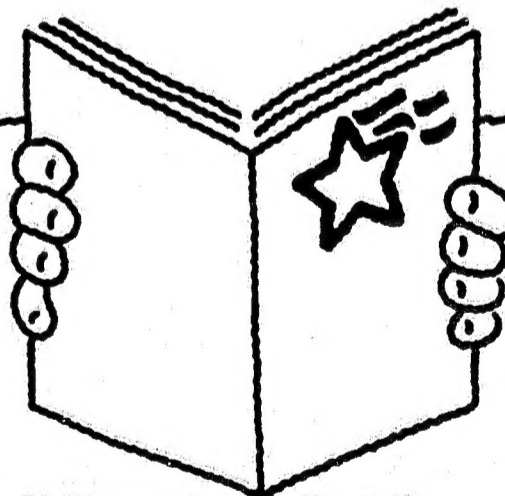
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Help sought cleaning up WMNF ice-storm damage

The staff of the White Mountain National Forest is seeking help in its efforts to clean up from the January ice storm. Such assistance, Forest Service officials say, will help make it possible for them to open the trails in the National Forest, and other areas in Northern New Hampshire for summer hiking and winter cross-country skiing. Approximately half of the 1,200 miles of trail on the National Forest sustained moderate to severe damage.

The following organizations are working together to undertake two big cleanup weekends, May 16-17 and June 13-14: Appalachian Mountain Club, Jackson Ski Touring Foundation, Randolph Mountain Club, the Nature Conservancy, White Mountain National Forest (WMNF), Wonalancet Outdoor Club, and the office of the Governor of New Hampshire. Registration is required for these

events. Volunteers are asked to contact any of the following organizations to sign up: Appalachian Mountain Club, Meredith Plotrow, 603-447-5448 Ext. 192; WMNF - Saco Ranger District, Eric Swift, 603-447-5448 Ext. 112; WMNF, Androscoggin RD, Jim Gunning, 603-466-2713; WMNF - Ammonoosuc RD, Herb McGee, 603-869-2626; Wonalancet Outdoor Club, Peter Smart, 603-322-8666; The Nature Conservancy, Peter Benson, 603-356-8833; Randolph Mountain Club, Doug Mayer, 603-466-5395; Jackson Ski Touring, Thom Perkins, 603-383-9355. Additional details will be provided at that time.

Volunteers who perform 16 hours of work on the National Forest will receive an annual recreation fee parking pass.

Accommodations will be available Friday and Saturday nights.

Warm weather

Continued from page 1

Add to that the extra lawn cleanup work generated by the ice storm, and Welsh was scrambling to get things done.

Now, she expects her lawn-mowing duties will begin about a week and a half earlier than usual.

And at the Bethel Inn & Country Club, mowing of the golf course will apparently begin sooner, too. The Inn announced Tuesday that its course will open tomorrow (Friday) for the season.

"An unusually early spring and warm weather has accelerated the opening of the course for the season," said course superintendent Evan Connors. "The greens are in great shape."

There is, of course, a down side to the early warmth. Dr. Gary Stuer of the Bethel Animal Hospital is advising his clients to start treating their pets for fleas and ticks right away.

"Usually we don't see fleas until the end of May," he said, "but they're definitely here." Ticks are also early, he said.

Stuer generally tells people to apply anti-flea and tick treatments in mid-May or early June. But, he said, "do it now."

Mosquitoes and black flies, however, have apparently been kept at bay, at least for now. Wheeler thinks the dry woods has limited the number of pools and puddles for

breeding. Welsh also credits the recent cold nights.

The early warmth also melted the snow on Sunday River Ski Resort's trails sooner. The skiway was hoping to hold on to enough snow to stay open until Sunday -- its planned closing day for the season.

Sunday River has not yet released its 1997-98 skier visit numbers.

Be patient

Despite the early warmth, experienced gardeners who know Maine's fickle weather aren't jumping the gun on planting.

Welsh said she has seen a few cases of people setting out flowers too early. "I hope they will cover them -- or be prepared to go back and replant," she said, if May should bring a frost.

Area potato farmer Arthur Ladd is holding off planting his 400 acres until sometime between the fifth and 10th of May.

Yes, he says, the weather has been unusual this year. "Who ever heard of 80s in April, say nothing of late March?" he asked.

But he remembers when he decided to plant on April 25 30 years ago, when the spring was unusually warm. The potato crop, he said, didn't do well. "I'll never do it again," he said.

Besides, said Ladd, "We'll probably get a snowstorm before May 10."

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Local groups

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The library group is also its own walk-a-thon for Groundbreaking ceremony. Addition will also take place, at 9 a.m.

Organizer Rosalie Polan fundraisers are now aimed at the \$20,000 figure, in the King Foundation match it.

New kid on the fundraiser

The Oxford County Fund established last fall an anonymous donation. An anonymous challenge of \$50,000 was also announced this past weekend.

The new fund is a charitable endowment that nonprofit and public organizations that build a greater sense of community in Oxford County.

The committee's goal is the fund to \$1 million. \$50,000 is available from Oxford County groups.

The fund awards grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for that seek to apply community strengths to solve some region's problems. Proposals reviewed quarterly by a committee of Oxford County residents.

deadlines for submitting in 1998 are July 15 and October 15.

Members of the new Oxford County Fund

Committee include Wendy of Bethel, Wayne Gallant, Lucy Nordahl of Oxford, Elaine Montpelier of North, Jolan Ippolito of Newry/Roxbury.

The members of the County Fund Advisory Committee met last week to review recommendations from area nonprofits, and to introduce community members to the formed charitable fund in Oxford County.

The Oxford County Fund of seven county funds has Maine Community Foundation statewide, nonprofit foundation. Other county restricted funds include: ton, Waldo, Knox, Piscataquis, Aroostook counties, as well as Western Mountains region.

The Maine Community Foundation has assets of \$46.5 million. In 1997, the foundation distributed \$2.7 million in grants to 900 nonprofits, students and scholars. Since 1983, the foundation awarded 92 grants and scholarships totaling \$115,178 to Oxford students and organizations.

For more information on Maine Community Foundation the Oxford County Fund, Wendy Penley (824-3111), Elizabeth Banwell at the Community Foundation (667-9735). The foundation has a web site at www.mcf.org that includes information on foundation and on how to donate.

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The library group is also planning its own walk-a-thon for May 9. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the addition will also take place that day, at 9 a.m.

Organizer Rosalie Poland said the fundraisers are now aiming to exceed the \$20,000 figure, in the hope the King Foundation might also match it.

New kid on the fundraising block

The Oxford County Fund was established last fall with an anonymous donation. An additional anonymous challenge grant of \$50,000 was also announced over this past weekend.

The new fund is a permanent charitable endowment that supports nonprofit and public organizations that build a greater sense of community in Oxford County.

The committee's goal is to build the fund to \$1 million, so that \$50,000 is available annually for Oxford County groups.

The fund awards grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for projects that seek to apply community strengths to solve some of the region's problems. Proposals are reviewed quarterly by a committee of Oxford County residents. The deadlines for submitting proposals in 1998 are July 15 and Oct. 1.

Members of the newly formed Oxford County Fund Advisory Committee include Wendy Penley of Bethel, Wayne Gallant of Rumford, Lucy Nordahl of Bethel, Elaine Montpelier of Norway, and Jolan Ippolito of Newry/Rumford.

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For more information on the Maine Community Foundation and the Oxford County Fund, call Wendy Penley (824-3198) or Elizabeth Banwell at the Maine Community Foundation office (667-9735). The foundation also has a web site at www.maineccf.org that includes information on the foundation and on how to apply for grants.

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SUPPORTING THEIR COMMUNITIES
Upper photo: Members of the newly formed Oxford County Fund Advisory Committee include (far left): Lucy Nordahl of Bethel, Wayne Gallant of Rumford (third from left), Wendy Penley of Bethel, Jolan Ippolito of Newry/Rumford, and Elaine Montpelier of Norway. Joining them here is (second from left) Elizabeth Banwell



of the Maine Community Foundation. Lower photo: A team of walkers from the Crescent Park Elementary School topped the team fundraising effort in Sunday's March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon. The group raised just over \$1,000. Shown here with the school banner are (from left): Brian Annis, Jaime Steven, Kevin Annis, Kayla Day, Erin Murphy and Megan Anthony.

(Photos: top, Michael Daniels; bottom, Bonnie Largess)

Funding

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will still need to come up with a way to cover the \$200,000 funding shortfall for the plant upgrade.

The town selectmen held a special meeting Monday to discuss their next action.

Most of the meeting was in executive (closed) session, but in a concluding open session they agreed to a three-point course of further action.

1) See if some of the shortfall can come from the developers of Bethel Station.

Town Manager Phil Tarr was instructed to set up a meeting with Grant Wilson, who was one of the three original partners in Bethel Station and remains its primary financial backer; and with Dave Oppenheim, the project's present general manager.

The selectmen also asked that Les Otten be included in the meeting. Otten, who is chairman and chief executive officer of the Newry-based American Skiing Company, was another of the three original partners in Bethel Station, but he has had little public involvement with the project in the past three years.

2) The selectmen have also scheduled a special Town Meeting for May 11, at which voters will be asked to approve any changes needed in the upgrade funding package.

The exact details of such a package are yet to be worked out, and the selectmen stressed the need to involve the town Budget Committee in any recommendations they will make to voters.

Dutch Dresser, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, said the recommendation that appears most likely at this point would be to increase the amount of money the town will borrow for the project to \$1,302,974 (voters have already approved borrowing \$1,102,974).

The additional loan money would then be repaid from sewer-system revenues, primarily Sewer System Development Charges, Dresser said.

3) The final step will be to have the town attorney determine if the town could still capture the original \$200,000 grant money at a later date, if Bethel Station eventually ends up creating the needed number of jobs.

If that were to occur, the grant money could then be used to pay off the additional borrowing.

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The World's Fair Association will host its third annual livestock auction starting around 1:30 p.m. Those who have livestock to sell should contact Harry Hutchinson at 674-2212. He will also handle any equipment such as farm machinery, trailers, boats, etc.

The household auction will start at 10 a.m. Anyone having any donations for this should contact either Reggie Cairns at 583-2534 or Chet Adams at 928-2131.

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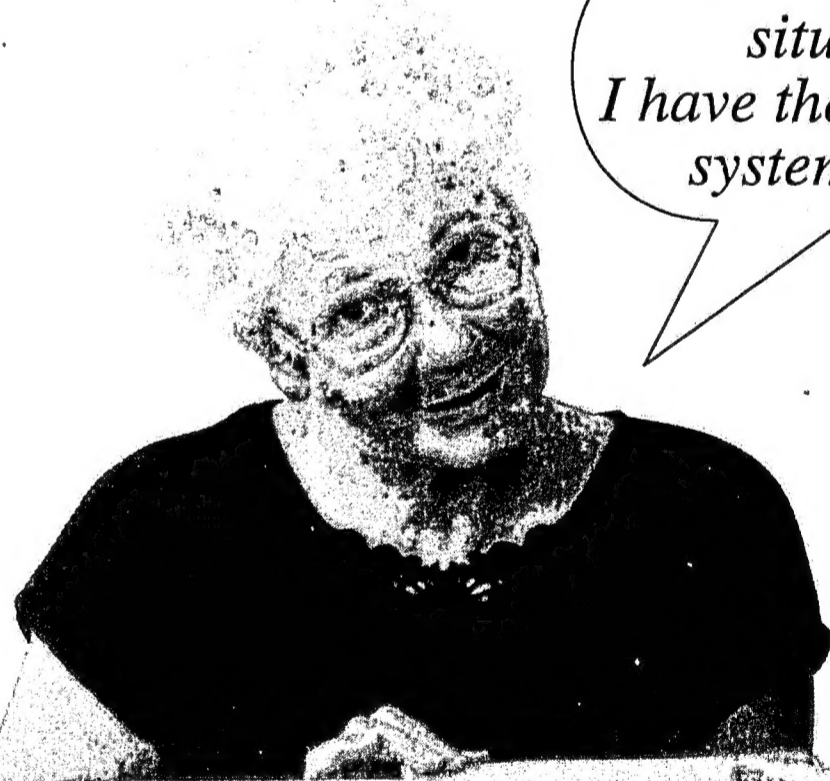
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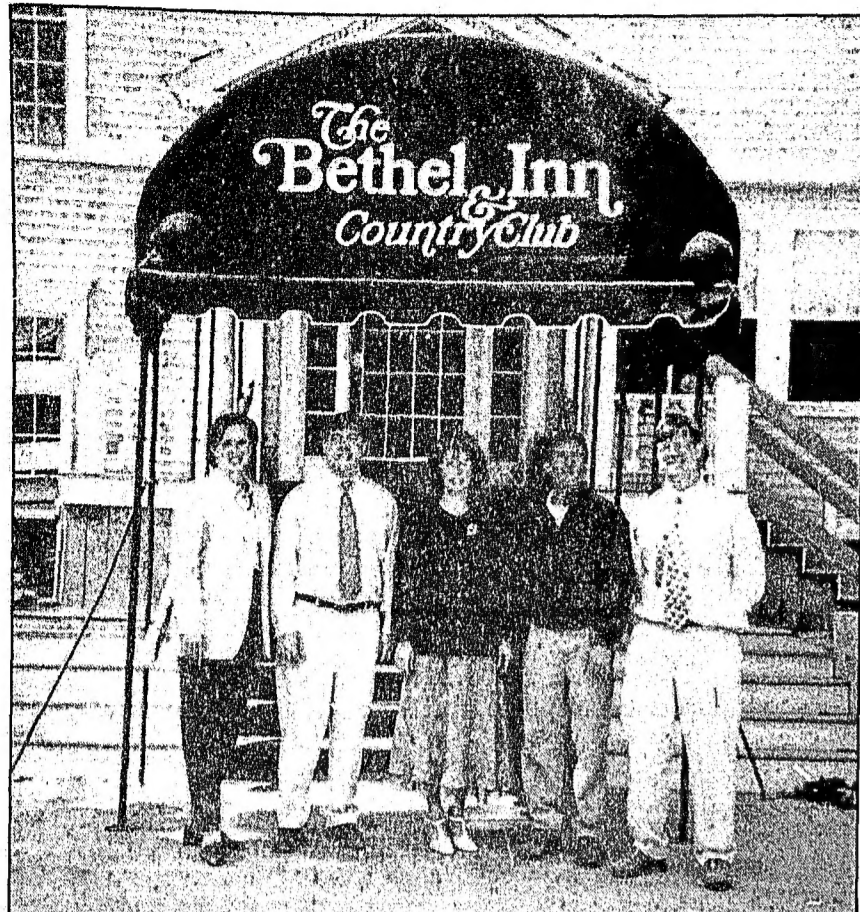
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THIRD ANNUAL BETHEL ROTARY CLUB/NORTHEAST BANK GOLF CHALLENGE is set for June 15 at the Bethel Inn & Country Club. This year's organizers include (from left): Heidi Davidson (Bethel Inn), Allen Connors (Bethel Inn), Anita Remington (Northeast Bank), Evan Connors (Bethel Inn), and William White (Bethel Inn).

From the

Ellis River Riders

With the 1998 show season only four weeks away, members of the ERR horse club of Andover are extremely busy. With the arrival of spring and the departure of snow, members will pull together for a work day on May 10 to get ready for the first horse show on Sunday, May 17.

The shows are held at the ERR arena on Airport Road, off Route 5, in South Andover. The club has been conducting monthly shows for horse enthusiasts for over 10 years. The show grounds are spectator friendly, with free admission and parking, plenty of bleacher seating, shade trees and picnic tables.

New for the '98 show season will be a spacious picnic pavilion to dine under. Not only are the ERR show grounds spectator friendly, but are also enjoyable for show participants and their equine partners. Campsites, a 20-stall pole barn, with running water, electricity and telephone service on the grounds allow competitors from afar to arrive the evening before show day, getting their traveling behind them.

With these amenities in mind, the Ellis River Riders extend an invitation to all equine enthusiasts to its monthly horse shows, whether you own a horse and ride or just like to cheer on from the sidelines. Everyone is welcome. All shows start at 9 a.m. sharp, rain or shine.

Annual Members Only Show is May 17. Open shows with equitation and pleasure for all ages are in the morning, jumping, reining and trail classes at midday and Gymkhana game events in the afternoon on June 7, July 5 and August 2. The annual two-day Gymkhana packed full of timed events is Sept. 5 and 6. Oct. 4th is the annual fall Gymkhana with cool temperatures and pretty scenery.

ERR is holding two All Youth Shows this season. The annual All Youth full show is June 21, and new this year is the Andover Olde Home Days All Youth Game Show on Saturday, Aug. 1. Come celebrate Andover Olde Home Days with us on the Aug. 1 and 2 weekend.

ERR also has a wide variety of trail rides this year. Styles include pleasure rides, mock and pointed rides, poker rides, and an ECTRA sanctioned ride. Contact our web site at www.agate.net/~magg/index.html. For more information on ride dates and class lists, e-mail at maggi@agate.com or call Deb at 392-1297.

From the

Bethel Area C. of C.

We are pleased to announce those award recipients who were not included in the previous announcement.

Businesswoman Pat Thurston will be receiving the Hugh Chisholm award, selected and presented by the Oxford County United Way.

The chamber traditionally recognizes two Telstar seniors with Citizenship awards. This year those will be presented to Martha Grover of Mason Township and Jason Mullen of Woodstock. Additionally, we will be presenting the Susan S. O'Donnell Memorial Taste of Bethel Scholarship to a Telstar senior pursuing a culinary arts degree. This year Jerry Greenwell will be receiving it.

We will be honoring more than a dozen individuals that evening who have, in their own way, made the Bethel Area a greater place to live and do business. We are honored to be able to provide this evening to recognize their achievements. The chamber is pleased to welcome Les Otten, chairman and CEO of the American Skiing Company, as the guest speaker.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour and a Silent Auction of "Maine Getaways" in the Gibson Room. A buffet dinner featuring carved steamship roast beef and baked walnut crusted chicken will follow at 7 p.m. The evening is sponsored by Central Maine Power Company and Northeast Bank.

May is going to be a busy month. On Monday, May 4, the Jordan Grand Hotel will be hosting a Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Come tour this beautiful new facility.

On Wednesday, May 6, Pooh Corner Farm, Greenhouses and Florist will host an open house from 4 to 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided. Bring your business card for drawings.

On Saturday, May 30, the chamber is presenting the First Annual Bethel Antique Show and Sale at the Bethel Inn Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. there will be a presentation by Ben Werner of Crow Mountain Farm Antiques in Shelburne, N.H., entitled "A Short Journey into the World of Antiques." Admission will be \$2.50 per person.

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Question: My husband and I have a charitable trust from which we received interest for quite a few years. Now the interest has dropped off to zero. We don't understand this. We believed we would get interest for as long as we live. How can this happen, and what should we do?

Answer: The assumption that you would continue receiving interest for your lifetime is a reasonable one. Most charitable trusts that pay income are designed to do exactly that, although it is impossible to be certain about your particular trust without a review of the documents. By way of general information, however, here are some suggestions for further action.

You say that you "have" a charitable trust. If this means that you are the creator of the trust (the legal term is the "settlor"), you probably also serve as the trustee (or co-trustee) of that trust. As trustee, you can control the invest-

ments which the trust makes. Perhaps the investments of the trust need to be changed so that a reasonable amount of current income is produced.

On the other hand, if you are a beneficiary but not the creator of the trust, you are entitled to see the trustee's records of how the trust assets have been (and currently are) invested and how these investments have performed. The trustee cannot ignore the legal obligations to you as the income beneficiary to favor the residuary beneficiary (the charity which is the ultimate or remainder beneficiary). That is, in most cases it would be inappropriate for the trustee to invest only in growth stocks that produce no current income but increase the value of the principal.

If the trustee is not forthcoming with the investment and performance information you request, or if the trustee has squandered the trust assets or not invested them appropriately, the Probate Court has the power to remove the trustee, to

punish the trustee who has failed, and to replace the trustee.

The law imposes on a trustee what are called "fiduciary" obligations, which require the highest standards of trustworthiness and fairness. A fundamental fiduciary obligation is to account and provide, upon reasonable request, full information to all interested parties. A trustee who is reluctant to provide such information, or unwilling to provide complete information, will almost always be found to have failed in his fiduciary obligations. Such conduct by a trustee, by the way, should make any beneficiary highly suspicious.

Your first step, therefore, is to obtain information from the trustee and to review the decisions the trustee has made regarding handling of the trust assets and the investment of these assets. To evaluate the trustee's performance, you may need the assistance of an attorney, a financial professional, or both.

If the trustee's performance has been unsatisfactory, but not in violation of law or fiduciary stan-

dards, perhaps you can persuade the trustee to make more appropriate investments voluntarily -- investments that produce both current income and capital growth. Alternatively, you may wish to explore with your advisors the possibility of asking the probate court to replace the trustee.

Please do not wait to take action. You should contact the trustee immediately. Remember also to keep a log of your contacts with the trustee as you try to get the information you need. Write (and keep copies of) letters to confirm any telephone discussions or promises by the trustee to provide information. If you are not satisfied with the answers you get from the trustee, you should consult your family attorney.

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Lawyers answer questions on subjects of general interest. The column is meant as general information and should not be relied upon for advice in a specific case. For individual advice, consult your own attorney. If you do not have an attorney and you believe you need legal advice, contact the Maine Lawyer Referral and Information Service at 622-1460. This month's question was answered by Barry L. Kohler, JD, of NorthStar Retirement Strategies in Portland. If you have a question on a legal matter, please submit it in writing to: "Ask a Lawyer," Maine State Bar Association, P.O. Box 788, Augusta, ME 04332-0788.

Births

Bobby Jo Benson and Reginald Westleigh of Greenwood are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Reginald Rodney-Robert, born on April 25, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Robert Benson of Alaska and Muriel Knightly of West Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Rodney Westleigh of Greenwood City and Geneva Westleigh of Greenwood. Reggie joins a sister, Destiny, 3 1/2.

Rebecca and Randall Kangas of Norway, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Shelby Lynn, born on April 11, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Michelle Blake of West Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Richard and Louise Kangas of Bryant Pond.

Katy Mullen and James R. Cyr Jr. of Locke Mills are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Benjamin James Cyr, born on April 14, 1998, at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Waltraud and James Hannigan of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Joan R. Drummond of Van Buren and James R. Cyr Sr. of Wisconsin.

Obituaries

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